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SUBJ: VESCO AND PINDLING LINKED AGAIN

1. THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO MIAMI HERALD STORY AUGUST 5 LINKING ROBERT VESCO FIRMS WITH THE PURCHASE OF A \$450,000 HOME BY PRIME MINISTER PINDLING. THE DEAL INVOLVED SALE OF PINDLING'S PREVIOUS HOME AND AN OFFICE BUILDING AT INFLATED PRICES TO FIRMS CONTROLLED BY GARET FINLAYSON. FINLAYSON HAS RISEN OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS FROM A NOBODY TO OWNER OF SEVERAL LOCAL FIRMS. ALL OF FINLAYSON'S ACQUISITIONS WERE FINANCED THROUGH VESCO'S BAHAMAS COMMONWEALTH BANK. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, FINLAYSON WAS ACTUALLY FRONTING FOR PINDLING AND OTHER POLITICIANS WHEN HE BOUGHT SEVERAL BUSINESSES, THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH IS A RESORT HOTEL IN PINDLING'S CONSTITUENCE.

2. FIGURING PROMINENTLY IN THE SALE OF PINDLING'S HOME AND OFFICE BUILDING IS COLUMBUS TRUST CO. LTD., A VESCO-CONTROLLED COMPANY HEADED BY DONALD ABERLE. GROENEWEG

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